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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT ON POSSIBLE DELAY OF BERGER COMMISSION
REPORT

1. GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTED TODAY (JANUARY 18) THAT THE
FINAL REPORT OF THE BERGER COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO
NORTHERN GAS PIPELINE IMPACT WILL BE "AS MUCH AS A
MONTH LATE IN PART AS A RESULT OF TRANSLATION
DIFFICULTIES." ARTICLE SAID THAT COMMISSION SPOKESMAN
CONFIRMED THAT THE REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED
TO BE READY BY EARLY OR MID-APRIL.

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED BERGER COMMISSION PRESS OFFICER
DIANA CROSBY FOR VERIFICATION. CROSBY SAID THAT THE
EMPHASIS OF THE ARTICLE WAS "STRANGE" BECAUSE IT IMPLIED
THAT AN OFFICIAL DEADLINE WOULD NOT BE MADE. SHE POINTED
OUT THAT JUSTICE BERGER HAD NOT SET A DEADLINE FOR
ISSUING THE REPORT. MARCH DATE FOR RELEASE OF THE
REPORT WAS GOAL HE HOPED TO REACH, BUT HE FEELS NOW
THAT REPORT WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL EARLY OR MID-
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APRIL. (BERGER REPORTEDLY IS WORKING ON HIS REPORT
AT HIS HOME, WRITING IT OUT IN LONGHAD.) CROSBY
ALSO SAID THAT TRANSLATION INTO FRENCH WILL NOT
MATERIALLY DELAY ISSUANCE OF THE REPORT BECAUSE THERE
HAS BEEN A FRENCH LANGUAGE TRANSLATOR ASSIGNED TO THE
COMMISSION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ITS WORK, AND
TRANSLATION INTO FRENCH IS PROCEEDING CONCURRENTLY WITH

COMPLETION OF FINAL DRAFTS OF THE REPORT. AT MOST, FRENCH TRANSLATION SHOULD NOT ADD MORE THAN TWO WEEKS TO TIME REQUIRED FOR PUBLICATION, SHE SAID. REPORT WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO NATIVE LANGUAGES AFTER RELEASE TO PUBLIC.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY AND OTHER OBSERVERS PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED REPORT BY MID-MARCH. IN FACT, BERGER MENTIONED FEBRUARY AS TARGET IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AT YELLOWKNIFE LAST OCTOBER. EMBASSY BELIEVES CROSBY'S DISCLAIMER ABOUT A "DEADLINE" IS A WEAK ATTEMPT TO DEFUSE POSSIBLE CRITICISM OF THIS ADDITIONAL DELAY. REPORT IS AFTER ALL AN ANXIOUSLY AWAITED CRITICAL ELEMENT IN PROCESS LEADING TO GOC PIPELINE DECISION. ENDERS

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